

## FREEMAN WAITER BECOMES INSANE OVER SHOOTING

Youth Who Sees His Employer Wounded, Raves As Victim Goes to Hospital.

### FREEMAN RESTS WELL TAYLOR OUT ON BOND

Railroad Man Tells Tribune How He Happened to Shoot Former Friend.

Edgar Landell, 17 years old, a waiter in the Crescent restaurant, who witnessed his employer shot by John Taylor Sunday, became a raving maniac a few minutes later.

The youth rushed to Mr. Freeman's aid when he fell wounded, and refused to be comforted when the restaurant man was hurried to the hospital. He wept and attempted to climb into the automobile that bore Mr. Freeman away.

When forced away from the machine, he rushed back into the restaurant, removed his coat that he wore while at work in the cafe, and donned his street clothing. Then he hurried out of the building. He was gone several hours and when he returned he was violent.

Sobbing hysterically, he called over and over again for Mr. Freeman, and when other employees endeavored to calm him, he fled from the restaurant. In the early evening he appeared at the Terminal hotel and asked to be assigned a room. Before the clerk at the desk could designate the room he was to occupy, he scurried up the stairway, but was compelled to return to the counter for his key.

Instead of going to his room, he entered a number of rooms on each floor. In one he found a man writing a letter. He snatched the missive from the surprised guest, read it, pronounced the writer insane and slapped his face. Then he rushed out of the room.

The next room entered was occupied by a woman, who was combing her hair. Landell seized her by the neck, boxed her face and ordered her to leave the hotel.

Before he had proceeded farther, the bombarded guest noticed the management of the hotel that a wild man was at large in the building and asked for assistance.

The youth was found in a room and taken to the hotel office, where he informed his captors that he was employed in the Crescent restaurant. Henry Freeman, a brother of C. M. Freeman, who was shot, was summoned to the hotel and took charge of Landell.

Upon the advice of a physician, Mr. Freeman took the young man to a room just above the Crescent restaurant, where he was induced to go to bed. A few hours later Landell appeared at the restaurant again, and attacked Robert Wilson, a waiter with whom he had been rooming, and one of his closest friends.

It was believed that he would regain his composure after a night's rest, but he refused to sleep and yesterday morning, his condition was such that physicians requested that he be removed to the home of Charles Lange, a relative, who lives on a farm about eight miles west of this city.

After he had been on the way for a short time, Henry Freeman thought it might be dangerous to admit Landell to the Lange home, and with Frank Medley, an automobile driver, they rushed out in the country to overtake Lange. Mr. Freeman's plans were to have him examined for admission to some institution for treatment.

When asked to return to Cape Girardeau Landell became so violent that Mr. Freeman, Medley and the man who had Landell in charge, were unable to handle him. It was then decided that he be permitted to continue the journey. Mr. Freeman announced last night that he would make an effort to have Landell returned to this city today for examination.

When Mr. Taylor was interviewed by a Tribune representative yesterday, he made the following statement:

"I walked into the Crescent restaurant to get lunch before heading the train for St. Mary's, and when the waiter came to serve me, I ordered two pieces of pie and a cup of coffee.

"Just as my order was set before me, Mr. Freeman and his brother entered the front door and walked to the passage between the cigar stand and the end of the lunch counter. Mr. Freeman stooped and began searching under the counter for something, and

while it that position he called the waiter and told him to look for some base ball goods for him. I jokingly said to the waiter, 'They are old enough to wait on themselves, give me a fork so that I can eat my pie.'

"Mr. Freeman immediately raised up and appeared to be very angry. "When I arose and offered to pay for the coffee that I had drunk, he refused to accept the money and ordered me out of the place.

"When I passed by him he raised his hand and I thought he was going to strike me.

"He continued to use abusive language to me until after I had passed out of the door. As I was going out the door he threatened me, and when I answered him he rushed outside and knocked me down, after which I shot him.

"I then went to my office in the Sturdivant Bank building and left the door standing open.

"Shortly after reaching my office, a friend called me by telephone and advised me to close the door and lock it, as he said that a mob had gathered and that my life was in danger.

"I had just hung up the receiver as Policeman Edward Beeve entered the room.

"I voluntarily told the officer that I considered myself under arrest, and also advised him of the telephone message I had received. Mr. Beeve then closed the door and locked it.

"I had broken my thumb when I was knocked down, and while in the office I telephoned for Dr. Hane who came a short time later and dressed my injuries.

"When Deputy Sheriff Seagraves appeared I was given into his charge. He and Doctor Hope and Policeman Beeve were in the room with me when Policeman Jeff Huxen arrived.

"I was taken to Jackson and at supper with Sheriff William Summers and family, and remained in their house until about 8 o'clock in the evening when complaint was filed against me and my bond for \$2,000 accepted. I could just as easily have given a bond for ten times the amount of it had been required. I was not placed in jail, and after furnishing bond I spent the night at the home of my son-in-law, Clarence Grant.

"My bondsmen are Dr. R. E. Wichterich, Clarence Grant and Harry Machen, and T. D. Hines is my attorney."

Chris M. Freeman, proprietor of the Crescent restaurant, who was shot by John W. Taylor, a Frisco claim agent Sunday afternoon, was resting well last night.

The shooting occurred immediately in front of Mr. Freeman's restaurant on Main street, and was the outcome of a dispute over a trivial matter, that had taken place in the restaurant a few minutes before.

But one shot was fired, the ball passing through the left wrist, breaking both bones, and entering the breast on the left side.

Mr. Freeman was taken to the hospital a few minutes after the occurrence, where an examination revealed the fact that the lung had been penetrated, and that the ball is still lodged in his body.

The bullet has not been found, and his physicians deem it best, on account of the nature of the wound, not to probe for it.

Witnesses to the encounter say that the trouble arose while Mr. Taylor was eating lunch in the restaurant, and that on account of the difficulty, Taylor left the building and that abusive language was indulged in.

Some say that when Taylor reached the walk he made defiant statements, and applied vile epithets, and that when Freeman walked out of the door, Taylor struck at him and in retaliation, Freeman slapped him down. Other witnesses say that Taylor fell backward from the curb, and some say that Freeman struck him a severe blow with his fist.

Both had always been good friends, and often engaged in friendly banter when they met. And in their respective statements concerning the shooting, each expresses a surprise that the other should have become angry at what was intended as a good natured taunting.

Both are prominently connected, and are well known in the city. Mr. Freeman is proprietor of the Crescent restaurant and is identified with a number of business enterprises in the city.

Mr. Taylor is also well known in business circles and has lived here for many years. He is a brother-in-law of Congressman J. J. Russell of this District, and is the father-in-law of Dr. R. E. Wichterich of this city.

He has been in the employ of the Frisco Railway Co. as claim agent, for several years, and through his employment has formed a large acquaintance throughout Southeast Missouri.

After the shooting, Taylor immediately went to his office in the Sturdivant building, directly across the street from the restaurant, and there remained until the appearance of the officers.

His thumb was broken during the

alteration, and before leaving the office for Jackson, a physician was called to treat his injuries.

He was taken to Jackson by Deputy Sheriff Seagraves, and was there released upon furnishing the required bond of \$2,000.

His preliminary hearing is set for next Saturday, before Judge Miller, in this city.

While it is said that the affray was witnessed by a comparatively small number, a large crowd quickly assembled, and when the officers brought the prisoner down to the walk before starting to Jackson with him, thousands of people had gathered and the streets surrounding the building were completely blocked.

## WAGON RUNS AWAY, ROLLS INTO RIVER

Dempsey Vehicle on Rampage Musses Up It's Master—Beat Rescues Shay.

One of the heavy stables wagons belonging to the Dempsey Grocer Co., refused to be manhandled yesterday evening, and in willful violation of the wishes of those in charge, rolled rapidly down the levee incline, and plunged headlong into the river.

Harry Medley and one of the company draymen undertook to draw the wagon by hand across the railroad tracks in front of the Dempsey store. After crossing the tracks the big vehicle displayed a tendency to keep moving, and in spite of all efforts to hold it in check, it gathered momentum and rolled on.

The negro drayman, who had hold of the tongue, was compelled to abandon his post to avoid being run over, and Mr. Medley who had been pushing at the rear, leaped into the wagon and tried to set the brake. His efforts were of little avail as the brake refused to hold, and the wheels continued to turn with increased velocity.

Mr. Medley looked at the cold, muddy water in front of him and at the stone pavement beneath him, and came to the hurried conclusion that he would prefer to take chances on breaking a few bones than drowning in ice water, and the thought was followed by immediate action. He leaped to one side, and the wagon appeared to anticipate his purpose, and turned the same direction just in time to pass over his body as it struck the rocky incline.

Mr. Medley was considerably shaken, up and he received a number of bruises, but was not seriously injured. The wagon after passing over his body, rolled on into the river, but was fished out by a steamboat.

### MAN, 65, TAKES HIS FIRST RIDE ON RAILROAD TRAIN

Gets Here for Jury Service and Judge Dismisses Him Because He Can't Hear.

Joseph Ponder, 65 years old, of Schurbusch, Perry county, took his first ride on a train yesterday. He has always been opposed to new-fangled inventions like the locomotive and vowed once that he'd never be caught on one of those pesky critters.

But he was summoned to appear at the Federal building yesterday for jury service in the United States District court, which opened yesterday afternoon.

"That wasn't so all-fired bad after all," he said as he climbed out of the railroad coach. "But it was powerful skittish when we crossed the bridges."

Mr. Ponder climbed into one of the jury seats like a real veteran and kept his eyes riveted on Judge Dyer. The judge asked the jurymen if there was any reason why any of them could not serve on the jury. There was not a murmur from the box, but Mr. Ponder looked as if he wanted to say something.

After the court had taken a recess until today, Mr. Ponder stepped up to the bailiff and asked if the judge wasn't going to ask the jurymen if there were any reasons why they couldn't serve. "Why, he did ask that," said the bailiff. "Well, you don't tell me?" Yes, he asked you that early in the game," added the court attendant.

"Well I didn't hear a word of it," volunteered Mr. Ponder.

"Is there anything wrong with your hearing?"

"I haven't been able to hear anything longer than a howl in forty odd years," replied the Perry county man.

The bailiff escorted the jurymen up to Judge Dyer and told him the story. "I am sorry to let you go," said the judge, "but if you can't hear, we will have to discharge you."

The Aid society will meet Tuesday afternoon of this week with Mrs. A. N. Durnell, 214 North Ellis. A full attendance is desired.

## ROBT. M. SAWYER DIES HERE AFTER BEING ILL LONG

Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Succumbs to Kidney Trouble at Doctor's Home.

### ILLNESS WON HIM NAME OF "WHISTLING SAWYER"

When Seized With Pain Well-known Lawyer Got Relief By Melody.

Robert M. Sawyer, assistant prosecuting attorney of Cape Girardeau county, died yesterday afternoon at the home of Dr. Rex Cunningham, where he had been confined for several days.

His death was caused by kidney trouble from which he had been a constant sufferer for many years. While he had not been in good health for many years, the rapid decline began shortly after the primary election last August, which he participated in his candidacy for the Republican nomination for Probate Judge. He was defeated by Judge Edward D. Hays by 31 votes.

Mr. Sawyer, who was Justice of the Peace in Jackson in addition to being Assistant Prosecuting attorney, was 60 years old, and a native of Cape Girardeau county. He was a son of John J. Sawyer, who represented this county in the legislature many years ago.

He was born and reared at Fruitland and was admitted to the bar more than twenty years ago. After practicing a few years, he abandoned the profession and became a farmer, teaching school during the winter months.

Ten years ago he moved from his farm into Jackson and resumed the practice of law. He was a candidate for Probate Judge in 1907 and was then defeated by Judge Hays. He was appointed Assistant Prosecuting Attorney by J. Henry Caruthers when the latter was elected two years ago.

Mr. Sawyer became known as "Whistling Sawyer" during the last few years of his life because of his illness. Whenever he was seized with pain he would begin whistling, whether talking to a friend or walking alone on the street.

A close friend once asked him why he interrupted conversation to whistle and was told that it seemed to relieve his suffering. His many friends chided him over his unique method of treating his ailment, but he continued it even after he was confined on his death bed.

Judge Sawyer, as he was popularly known all over the country, only returned from a mineral springs in Indiana a few weeks ago, where he went in quest of health. But the visit there was unavailing and he began to sink rapidly after his return.

He was brought to Cape Girardeau from Jackson Saturday afternoon to take osteopathic treatment. But his treatment here did not give him relief, and his physician had planned to remove him to the hospital last night. Arrangements had been made for the transfer of the patient to the hospital, but before the hour of the removal came, Judge Sawyer passed away.

Mr. Sawyer was married more than twenty years ago to Miss Mattie Wallace of Cape Girardeau county, and to this union three children were born. Dr. D. C. Sawyer, a son, lives in Alabama; Lucy Sawyer is a musician, and his only daughter is married and resides in Indiana.

The funeral will be held from the family residence tomorrow. The hour and other arrangements have not been completed.

The very knowingest fall idea is a narrow separate skirt to match the long, flare coat. The skirt is plain and extremely narrow, and it is short enough to reveal the high-heeled buttoned boot as far up as the ankle. Above this short skirt and the prettily dressed feet flares out the graceful coat. The effect is certainly extremely smart, and usually exceedingly graceful.

## REFEREE ROSS TO BE OUSTED OVER THE GLENN CASE

Judge Dyer Asks B. F. Davis To Represent United States, But He Has Not Decided.

### "I CAN'T DISCUSS CASE," SAYS NOTED ATTORNEY

Charges Filed in St. Louis, Say Cape Official Was Unfair to David A. Glenn.

Judge D. P. Dyer of the United States Court, which returned its session in the Federal building yesterday, is preparing to remove Alexander Ross from position of United States Referee in Bankruptcy.

This fact became known yesterday morning, but it was stated by a man who is intimately known to the court, that a successor to Mr. Ross had not been definitely decided upon.

Benjamin B. Davis, one of the best known lawyers in this section of Missouri, was tendered the place, but it is understood that he asked to be excused because of his large practice, which he feared might be injured by attempting to devote part of his time to the duties of referee.

Judge Davis declined last night to discuss his plans. "I am not in a position to discuss that matter," he said last night. "You will have to excuse me."

It is known positively, however, that he cannot accept the place if he is willing to accept it. Judge Dyer and Judge Davis have been warm personal friends for a long time, and it is understood that the federal judge held a conference with Mr. Davis in an effort to get him to accept the place.

It was reported from St. Louis several weeks ago that Mr. Ross was to be removed, and when The Tribune asked Mr. Ross for a statement concerning the plans to oust him, he said: "I don't care if they do. I don't know who is behind it and I don't care but I do know that some people are mean enough to do most anything. But the job is not worth the trouble of holding it."

There have been movements begun here several times to have Mr. Ross removed, but they were never carried to the court. The present complaint, now out of Ross' conduct of the Glenn bankruptcy case. It was charged in a complaint to Judge Dyer that Ross was unfair to David A. Glenn and that he had permitted him to be indignantly treated in court.

Ross was accused of approving the sale of some diamonds to Frank Kimmel, a nephew of Mr. Glenn, and then later ordering the sale cancelled. This, however, was not done.

Mayor Kage, who was largely responsible for the appointment of Ross asked the Referee to be fair with Mr. Glenn, and insisted that the sale of the diamonds be approved. It is said that Mr. Ross expressed himself bitterly toward the mayor.

Mayor Kage is very close to Judge Dyer, but it is not known whether he asked the court to remove Ross. Efforts to get in communication with the executive last night were unavailing.

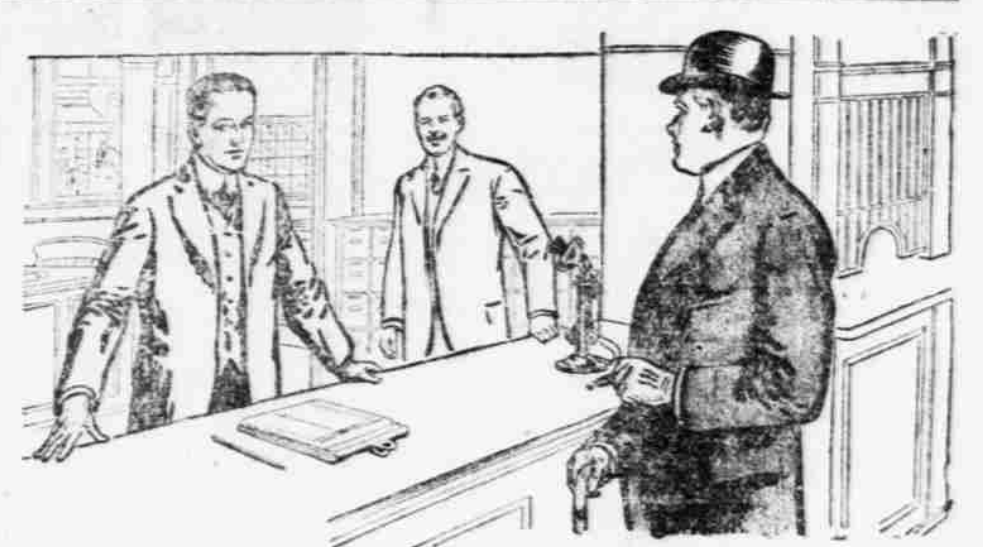
David A. Glenn expressed his surprise last night when informed Ross was to be ousted. "That is indeed a surprise to me," he said. "I heard some friends of mine threaten to complain to Judge Dyer but I was not informed that they had done so. I have been very severely dealt with, but I have not attempted to injure anyone. Of course the complaint filed, if it is really true that such action was taken, was filed by a friend of mine. At least I suppose so. Who it was, I could not say."

Asked if he had heard any one mentioned as a possible successor to Mr. Ross in the event the Referee was removed, Mr. Glenn said: "No, I never heard any name mentioned at all."

When informed that Judge Davis could get the place if he wanted it, Mr. Glenn said: "Judge Davis is a mighty fine man and a splendid lawyer. He would make a splendid referee if he could afford to take the place."

In the event that Judge Davis declines the place, it is certain that Mr. Ross' successor will be an attorney. Judge Dyer, it is said, has expressed himself as being unwilling to appoint anyone who is not legally qualified to discharge the duties of the office.

Mr. and Mrs. Celestine S. Vanhan of Commerce, accompanied by Mrs. Vanhan's mother, Mrs. Ballinger, of Benton, were in the city Saturday. The young folks were married the 29th of September in Benton at the Catholic church, and had one of the prettiest of faces is nearly as good for an invalid as healthy weather—Franklin.



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A. C. Enge of East Carondelet, was in the city yesterday on a business trip.

Sam J. McMinn of Buchanan, Mo., is transacting business and visiting friends in this city.

Omer Lutes of Lutesville, is a business visitor in this city.

H. J. Vogt of St. Louis, was in the city yesterday looking after business interests.

T. F. Davis of Risco, was in the Cape yesterday on a shopping trip.

Mrs. Ike Caldwell returned home Saturday from Memphis where she has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lehman, of that city.

Louis Goehmann of Jackson, was in the city yesterday on a business trip.

Robert H. Cone, W. H. McDonald, D. P. Kinsella, E. C. Altenberud, Morris G. Levinson, John Stack and Henry Hasfelt, of St. Louis, were business visitors in this city yesterday.

S. H. Northall of Evansville, Ind., was a business visitor in this city yesterday.